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**BY ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *Connect America Fund; National Broadband Plan; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers; High-Cost Universal Service Support; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Lifeline and Link-Up* – CC Dockets 01-92 and 96-45; WC Dockets 03-109, 05-337, 07-135 and 10-90; and GN Docket 09- 51 – Notice of Ex Parte Presentation

Dear Ms. Dortsch:

On October 20, Eric Yeaman of Hawaiian Telcom, Inc. (“Hawaiian Telcom”) and I met with Chairman Genachowski, Zac Katz, and Brad Gillen and discussed broadband deployment in Hawaii and the FCC’s upcoming decision in the above-captioned proceeding. Mr. Yeaman reiterated the views, expressed in Hawaiian Telcom’s written submissions in this proceeding, that support will be essential for Hawaiian Telcom to meaningfully increase broadband access in Hawaii, and that Hawaiian Telcom is unique because of its historic lack of any rural high-cost or insular funding. He summarized the investment and operational challenges faced by the company in the current economic environment, and noted the grave need for inter-island and intra-island middle mile capacity. Mr. Yeaman expressed support for additional funding for the state, noting that such funding will especially benefit the 92% of Native Hawaiians who live outside the Hawaiian Home Lands.

Please direct any questions regarding this matter to me.

Very truly yours,

/s/  
Karen Brinkmann  
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cc: Hon. Julius Genachowski  
Zachary Katz  
Bradley Gillen